

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Addendum

MIHP Number: PG: 81B-5

Property Name: Burton Hall (Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House)
Property Address: 12002 Thrift Road
Clinton, MD 20735

According to a July 2008 letter from Thomas P. Barrett to the Trust, the Wyvill House was **demolished** between July of 1989 and 1993. Barrett described the following deteriorated buildings on the property:

"Tobacco Barn: The large post and beam tobacco barn is rectangular in footprint with a gable on gable standing-seam metal roof. The roof ridge on the peak gable is off center, with the northern slope longer than the southern. Vertical plank wood siding clads the large barn, with interspersed hinged vertical vent panels. Three large open bays occupy the eastern elevation. The western side features a small, shed-roofed stripping shed. A fixed multi-pane window provided light into the shed. The interior of the barn is composed of multiple drying racks. The drying racks are made from milled lumber and stripped trees. The structure is supported on concrete footers. Posts, beams, and drying racks are secured with wire nails. Though the original MIHP form indicates the barn dates from the 1860s, given the use of milled lumber, concrete and wire nails, the barn likely dates from the late 1800s, early 1900s – possibly contemporary with the 1884 Wyvill House. The barn is in very poor condition with much of the siding missing and the southeast corner of the roof failing.

"Equipment Garage: The garage is located in close proximity to the Wyvill House site. The long rectangular building is composed of four bays that are secured with sliding barn doors. Vertical planks clad the building. The side gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal. The garage is pictured in the 1938 aerial photograph, and likely dates from the 1920s or 1930s. The garage is in very poor condition.

"Livestock or Hay Barn: Rectangular in footprint, the livestock barn is situated northeast of the Wyvill House site and adjacent to a cleared field. A steeply-pitched front gable roof shelters the building. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. Board and batten siding clads the barn, which is supported by concrete foundation walls. Entrances on the west and east elevations lead to a central section flanked by stalls on either side. Haylofts are situated above the stalls. The barn is composed of milled lumber secured with wire nails. The barn likely dates from the first quarter of the 20th century and is in very poor condition with much of the siding and roofing failing."

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #81B-5 Building Date: 1894
Building Name: Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House (Burton Hall) *Demolished*
Location: 12002 Thrift Road, Clinton, Maryland
Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House is situated five hundred feet south of Thrift Road, on an unpaved drive. The house is frame, square in plan, four-by-four bays with a gable roof. It is covered with horizontal wood siding, roofed with patterned tin, resting on a brick foundation. The four-bay north gable end has the entrance in the first bay, through a modern door with a transom. The three windows on the first floor are 1/1 with plain wood surrounds. Centered in the upper gable are two adjoining 4/4 double hung sash windows. The gable is sided with fishscale shingles and in the gable peak is a triangular design of square, recessed wainscot panels. A three bay, one-story hipped-roofed entrance porch across the main facade has a rusticated cement block foundation and bases of like material for the short, tapered wood roof posts. There are small, jig-sawn brackets between roof posts. The three-bay west facade has a high corbelled brick chimney at the roof ridge. The south (rear) facade is four bays with an enclosed hipped-roof first-story porch. The cellar entrance is through the porch floor. The house is in a rural area, surrounded by fields. A complex of deteriorating frame outbuildings including a large tobacco barn is north and east of the house.

Significance:

The Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House is patternbook house, built ca. 1894 for Dr. Edward H. Wyvill and his family when their earlier house on the site burned. The Wyvills acquired 350 acres of property ca. 1845 when Edward Wyvill married Caroline M. Hawkins. Wyvill (1812-1894), was a prominent local figure, serving as a Levy Court judge, a County Commissioner and Democratic Representative to the State House of Delegates. A diary written by a governess in his household details life at Burton Hall during the 1860's. Though rather plain in architectural detail, the house has characteristics of the Queen Anne style such as the shingled and paneled gable treatment, the asymmetrical east cross gable and the high corbelled brick chimney. The house plan was to be similar to plan #179 in D. S. Hopkins Houses and Cottages; Book #6. It was altered from that plan during construction and subsequently, over the years. At this time the house and outbuildings are in fair to poor condition. The property is rented by tenants but is still owned by descendants of Dr. Wyvill.

Acreage: 350

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

Demolished

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House (Burton Hall)

and/or common Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House (Incorrectly listed, 1974, as Wyrth)

2. Location

street & number 12002 Thrift Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Clinton ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ms. Nancy Wolfe

street & number Box 218, Notley Hall telephone no.:

city, town Chaptico state and zip code Maryland 20621

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber WDA 12

street & number Main Street folio 317

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County, Maryland

date July 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

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Riverdale,

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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The Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House is situated approximately five hundred feet east of Thrift Road, on an unpaved drive. The house is frame, roughly square in plan, four-bays-by-four bays with a gable roof. It is covered with narrow-lap horizontal wood siding, roofed with patterned tin and resting on a brick foundation.

The principal facade is the four-bay west gable end. The entrance, in the first bay, is through a modern entry door with a transom. The three windows on the first floor are 1/1 double hung sashes with plain wood surrounds. The two second story bays do not align with those on the first story. Centered in the upper gable are two adjoining 4/4 double hung sash windows. The upper gable is sided with fishscale shingles and in the gable peak is a triangular area covered with square, recessed wainscot panels.

There is a three bay, one-story hipped-roofed entrance porch across the west facade. The porch is on a rusticated cement block foundation and there are bases of like material for the short, tapered wood posts. The porch roof has a cornice with crown molding. There are small, jig-sawn brackets between roof posts.

Visible from the three-bay north facade is the high central corbelled brick chimney projecting from the roof ridge. There are overhanging eaves but no cornice treatment. The window bays do not align on the first and second story. A small cross gable over the first bay has the same gable treatment as the west gable end.

The four bay east (rear) facade has an enclosed hipped roof porch crossing the first story. An open porch with a corrugated metal shed roof was added to the rear of the enclosed porch. The first bay of this secondary porch is enclosed and stands on a concrete block base. It contains the bathroom. The partial cellar beneath the house is reached by steps down through the porch floor. There is a rear entry to the kitchen in the north bay. Windows on the second story are small rectangular 1/1 sash. There is a narrow interior brick chimney projecting from the gable peak.

The three bay south facade is a plain side gable. The brick foundation is visible from this side. It projects under the enclosed hipped roof rear porch. The porch has a 1/1 sash window. The projecting shed roof rear bay containing the bathroom is flush with the wall surface on this elevation, giving the first story elevation an elongated appearance.

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Description (continued)

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The interior plan of the Dr. Wyvill House is basically that of a side hall and double parlor. The entry hall is along the north side of the house. The entry door faces a closed-string stair that rises for three steps along the north wall, turns 90 degrees at a small landing and rises along the east wall to the second story. The newel post is a turned cylinder on a high base block. The cone-shaped decorative knob has been removed from the top of the newel post. The balusters are turned, with upper and lower blocks.

There is a southwest parlor and a southeast dining room, reached through entry doors off the entry hall. A wide, 7-panel pocket door connects the two rooms. The kitchen is directly east of the entry hall, in the northeast corner of the house, reached through the dining room.

The second story has four bedrooms. The very narrow stair hall continues with the finished stair to the attic. The attic is a single room across the top of the house. It contains old baseboard and window surrounds but is finished with drywall.

The interior of the Wyvill house is badly worn. The plaster walls and ceiling are in bad condition. The wood flooring is worn. The multi-layer one-step door and window molding is nicked and damaged. There is some original baseboard with an ogee cap, and some plain replacement board. All original mantels have been removed from the house. A brick mantel surrounds the hearth centered in the north wall of the dining room.

On the exterior there is a complex of deteriorating frame outbuildings to the north and east (rear) of the house. North of the house is a large board-and-batten gable roof stable built in 1915. It has a lean-to addition along the east side. The standing-seam metal roof is topped by lightening rods. The building stands on concrete footers. Closer to the house on the north are two deteriorated gable roof one-story buildings with horizontal lapped wood siding. Closest to the house is the corn house, with a north end lean-to addition. It is constructed of hewn and sawed timbers. The hewn sill beam rests on low brick piers. Slightly farther north is a wheat storage building called the grain house. It is a roughly square building with a central east entrance of vertical boards with iron strap hinges. There are hewn and pegged corner posts. The sawn sill rests directly on the ground. Both of these buildings predate the ca. 1894 Dr. Wyvill House. To the rear of the house is a shed roof two-by-one-bay chicken house and a large vertical board gable roof machine shed dating to the 1940's. A large tobacco barn in near ruinous condition is far west of the house, standing in a field across Thrift Road. It dates to ca. 1860's.

The gravel and mud drive circles in front of the Dr. Wyvill house, which stands isolated amid open fields. There are no outstanding landscape features.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates 1894 Builder/Architect Phillip G. Miller, William H. Hatton

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House is significant as an example of a patternbook house in the Queen Anne style, although it has been altered from its original appearance and plan. It is also significant for its association with Dr. Edward H. Wyvill, who resided there briefly before his death in 1894.

The Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House was constructed in 1894 for Wyvill and his family, to replace a dwelling dating to ca. 1845 on the same site, which had burned.¹ Both houses were called Burton Hall by the Wyvill family, who acquired the surrounding 350 acre Hawkins farm upon the marriage of Dr. Wyvill to Caroline M. Hawkins in 1845.²

Dr. Edward Wyvill (1812-1894) was a prominent Prince George's County resident, serving as a Levy Court Judge and in the 1850's as a County Commissioner and a Democratic Representative to the State House of Delegates.³ He was trained as a physician but did not actively practice. He farmed his property and owned slaves valued at \$3,730 in 1861.⁴ A diary written by a governess in his household details life at Burton Hall during the 1860's.⁵

The contract to construct the present dwelling survives in the family's papers.⁶ Phillip G. Miller and William H. Hatton contracted with Dr. Wyvill to construct the house, which was to be similar to house #179 in D.S. Hopkins' Houses and Cottages; a Collection of House and Cottage Designs, Book #6. The new Burton Hall was to be four feet deeper and wider than Hopkins' plan #179. The cellar of the original Burton Hall was to be cleaned out and the walls rebuilt for use beneath the new house. The bricks in the chimneys of old house were to be reused where possible for the two chimneys of the new house. The framing was to be taken from wood on the farm and hewed to proper dimension. Wyvill was to pay Miller and Hatton one thousand and four hundred dollars upon completion of the work.

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After Dr. Wyvill's death in 1894 the farm was inherited by his grandson, Harrison Clay Ward.⁷ According to Edwina Ward, great-grand daughter of Dr. Wyvill, who grew up on the farm, there have been several alterations of the dwelling over the years. The Hopkins design called for a one-bay entry porch sheltered by the overhang of the second story. The adjoining front parlor was to have cut-away corners on the main house elevation, so that the room was roughly octagonal in shape. According to Miss Ward the house shook in the wind and did not seem to be solid enough, so around 1916 the original front porch was enclosed to make an entry hall. The octagonal corners of the parlor were built out to form a complete square and the hipped roof front porch presently on the building was added. The rear porch was enclosed, resulting in the closing of an exterior window in the rear wall of the dining room. The bathroom off the dining room, projecting from the back of the house, was added in 1946. The original house colors were yellow with white trim and there were louvered exterior shutters.⁸

The interior of the house has also been altered. A decorative mantel in the front parlor was removed, probably when the diagonal walls were removed. The dining room mantel was replaced by a brick surround in 1965. There were also decorative mantels in the bedrooms which are no longer in place.

Several of the outbuildings which served the Wyvill house are no longer standing, including an ice house near the present location of the chicken house, and a cider house, located southeast of the main house. An osage hedge which encircled the yard and followed the entry drive down to Thrift Road was removed by Harrison C. Ward.

The Dr. Wyvill house has been occupied by tenants since 1975. It is still owned by heirs of Harrison C. Ward, decedents of Dr. Wyvill.

Notes

1 Letter of Nancy D. Wolfe, March 31, 1985.

2 Land Records of Prince George's County, CSM 4:46; and Records of Marriage Licenses, J.B.B., A-L, 1777-1886, June 19, 1845, Caroline M. Hawkins to Edward H. Wyvill.

3 R. Lee Van Horn, Out of the Past, Prince Georgians and their Land, Prince George's County Historical Society, Riverdale, Maryland, 1976, pps. 332, 337, 344 and 348.

4 Tax Assessments of Prince George's County, 1861, 5th Election District, 11047.

5 "Diary of Harietta Patience Wood", edited by James Warner Bellah, excerpts December 18, 1862-June 24, 1863.

6 Contract available as a copy in 81B-5 file, Historic Preservation Commission Offices.

7 Land Records, 134:368.

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⁸ Interview with Edwina Ward, March, 1989.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See #8, Footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 350 acres

Tax Map 133 E-3 p.65

Quadrangle name Piscataway B

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission
Room 4010

date August 1985, April 1989

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive

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state Md. 20772

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Chain of Title

Dr. Edward Wyvill House
P.G. #81B-5

WDA 12:317
30 July 1963
Will

Last Will and Testament of Harrison Clay Ward ...to my son, Harrison Hale Ward, my farm (the same being known as the Harry Ward Farm) containing 350 acres of land.

Adm. File #14968
Inventory of
Harrison Clay Ward
30 July 1963

Inventory of real estate: 358 acres located on Thrift Road. Improvements: Main building, a two-story frame with three rooms and bath on first floor, four rooms on second floor. Small basement. Metal roof. Well and septic tank. In bad condition. Tenant House, two story frame, two rooms on each floor, no improvements. Bad condition. Two garages, bad condition. Stable and shed, bad condition. Corn house and shed, fair condition. Implement shed, fair condition. Tobacco barn 68 x 40, fair condition. Tobacco barn 42 x 50, very old, bad condition.

134:368
29 Oct. 1918
Deed

Mary Agnes Wyvill, sole devisee under last will and testament of the late Edward Hale Wyvill to Margaret T. Wyvill and Harrison C. Ward, 350 acres whereon Margaret T. Wyvill now resides being the same real estate devised to Margaret T. Wyvill and her brother Edward Hale Wyvill by last will and testament of their mother, Caroline M. Wyvill by Will Record Book WAJ Jr. #1:410.

WAJ Jr. 1:410
18 April 1885
Will of Caroline
M. Wyvill

Item 1: I devise my son Edward H. Wyvill in trust for my husband Edward H. Wyvill my farm or plantation on which I now reside situated in Piscataway District called Burton Hall, being part of a tract of land called Montpelier containing about 350 acres.

CSM 4:46
30 Jan. 1861
Indenture

Samuel B. Hance, Trustee in Equity #766, to Caroline M. Wyvill, wife of Edward H. Wyvill, 350 acres called "Appledoor" "Wheeler's Hope" and "Edelen's Rest" more generally known by the name of "Montpelier."

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				Local History

Specific dates 1894

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House was built ca. 1894 for Dr. Edward H. Wyvill and family. This house replaced an earlier one on the site which burned.¹ Both houses were called Burton Hall by the Wyvill family, who acquired the 350 acres of property in 1861.²

Edward Wyvill, (1812-1894) was a prominent local figure. He owned slaves valued at \$3,730 in 1861.³ and was a southern sympathizer during the Civil War. A diary written by a governess in his household details life at Burton Hall during the 1860's.⁴ After Dr. Wyvill's death in 1894 the farm was inhabited by his grandson, Harrison Clay Ward, and became known as the Harry Ward Farm. It is now owned by Ward's son.

Though rather plain in architectural detail the house has characteristics of the Queen Anne style such as the shingled and paneled gable treatment, the asymmetrical east cross-gable and the high corbelled brick chimney. At this time the house and outbuildings are in fair to poor condition. The property is rented by tenants but is still owned by descendants of Dr. Wyvill.

Notes:

¹ Letter of Nancy D. Wolfe, March 31, 1985.

² Land Records of Prince George's County, CSM 4:46.

³ Tax Assessments of Prince George's County, 1861, 5th Election District, 11047.

⁴ "Diary of Harietta Patience Wood," edited by James Warner Bellah, excerpt December 18, 1862 - June 24, 1863.

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle scale _____

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Zone Easting Northing

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Dr. Edward Wyrth House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Thrift Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Clinton				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Fendall Marbury's Heirs				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with an A-roof. The gable end, main facade is four bays with a porch across the front. There is a double window in the shingled gable.

There are several outbuildings, including a corn crib, a barn, and a meat house.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
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NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1 Aug 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Chain of Title

Dr. Edward Wyvill House
P.G. #81B-5

WDA 12:317
30 July 1963
Will

Last Will and Testament of Harrison Clay Ward ...to my son, Harrison Hale Ward, my farm (the same being known as the Harry Ward Farm) containing 350 acres of land.

Adm. File #14968
Inventory of
Harrison Clay Ward
30 July 1963

Inventory of real estate: 358 acres located on Thrift Road. Improvements: Main building, a two-story frame with three rooms and bath on first floor, four rooms on second floor. Small basement. Metal roof. Well and septic tank. In bad condition. Tenant House, two story frame, two rooms on each floor, no improvements. Bad condition. Two garages, bad condition. Stable and shed, bad condition. Corn house and shed, fair condition. Implement shed, fair condition. Tobacco barn 68 x 40, fair condition. Tobacco barn 42 x 50, very old, bad condition.

134:368
29 Oct. 1918
Deed

Mary Agnes Wyvill, sole devisee under last will and testament of the late Edward Hale Wyvill to Margaret T. Wyvill and Harrison C. Ward, 350 acres whereon Margaret T. Wyvill now resides being the same real estate devised to Margaret T. Wyvill and her brother Edward Hale Wyvill by last will and testament of their mother, Caroline M. Wyvill by Will Record Book WAJ Jr. #1:410.

WAJ Jr. 1:410
18 April 1885
Will of Caroline
M. Wyvill

Item 1: I devise my son Edward H. Wyvill in trust for my husband Edward H. Wyvill my farm or plantation on which I now reside situated in Piscataway District called Burton Hall, being part of a tract of land called Montpelier containing about 350 acres.

CSM 4:46
30 Jan. 1861
Indenture

Samuel B. Hance, Trustee in Equity #766, to Caroline M. Wyvill, wife of Edward H. Wyvill, 350 acres called "Appledoor" "Wheeler's Hope" and "Edelen's Rest" more generally known by the name of "Montpelier."

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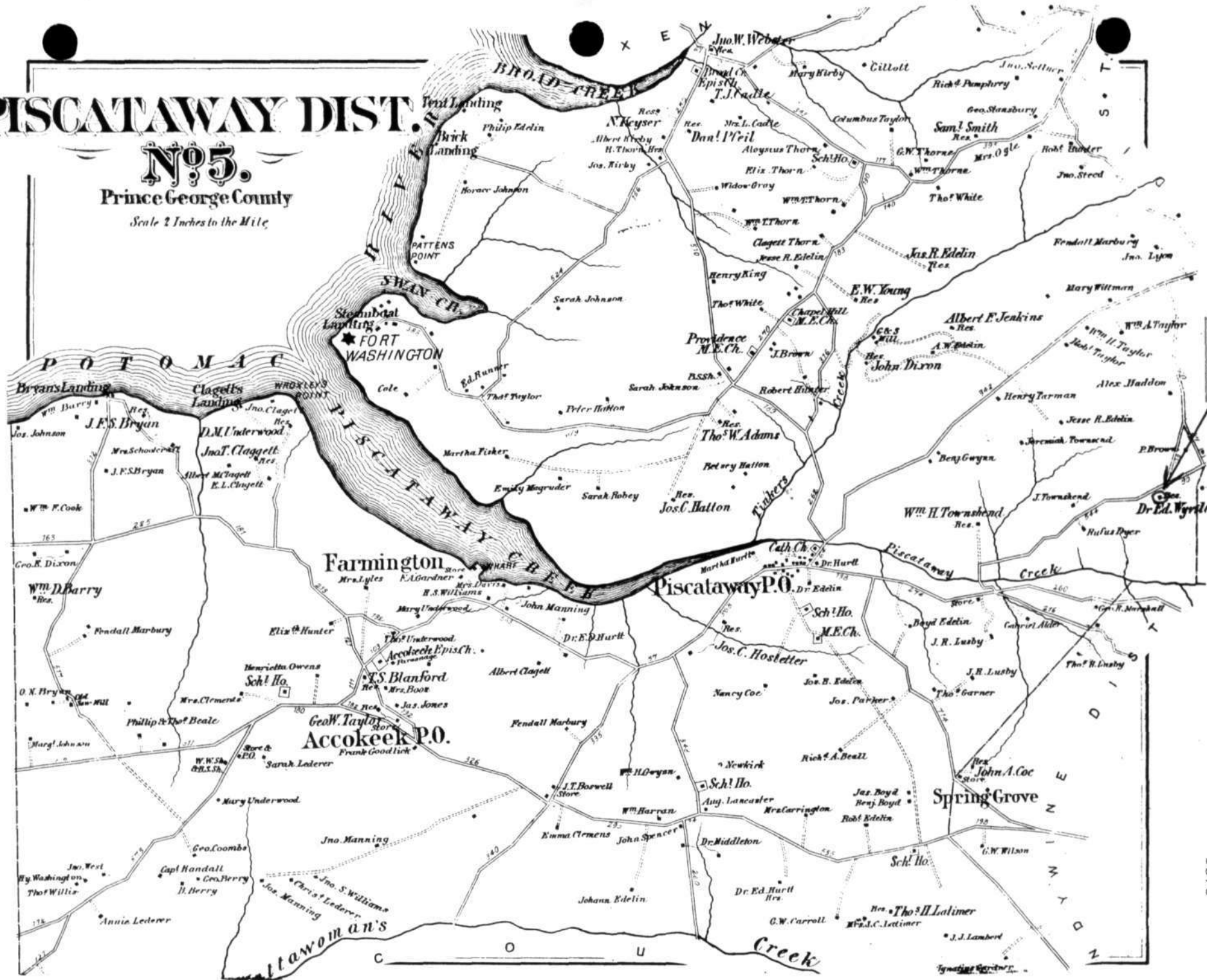
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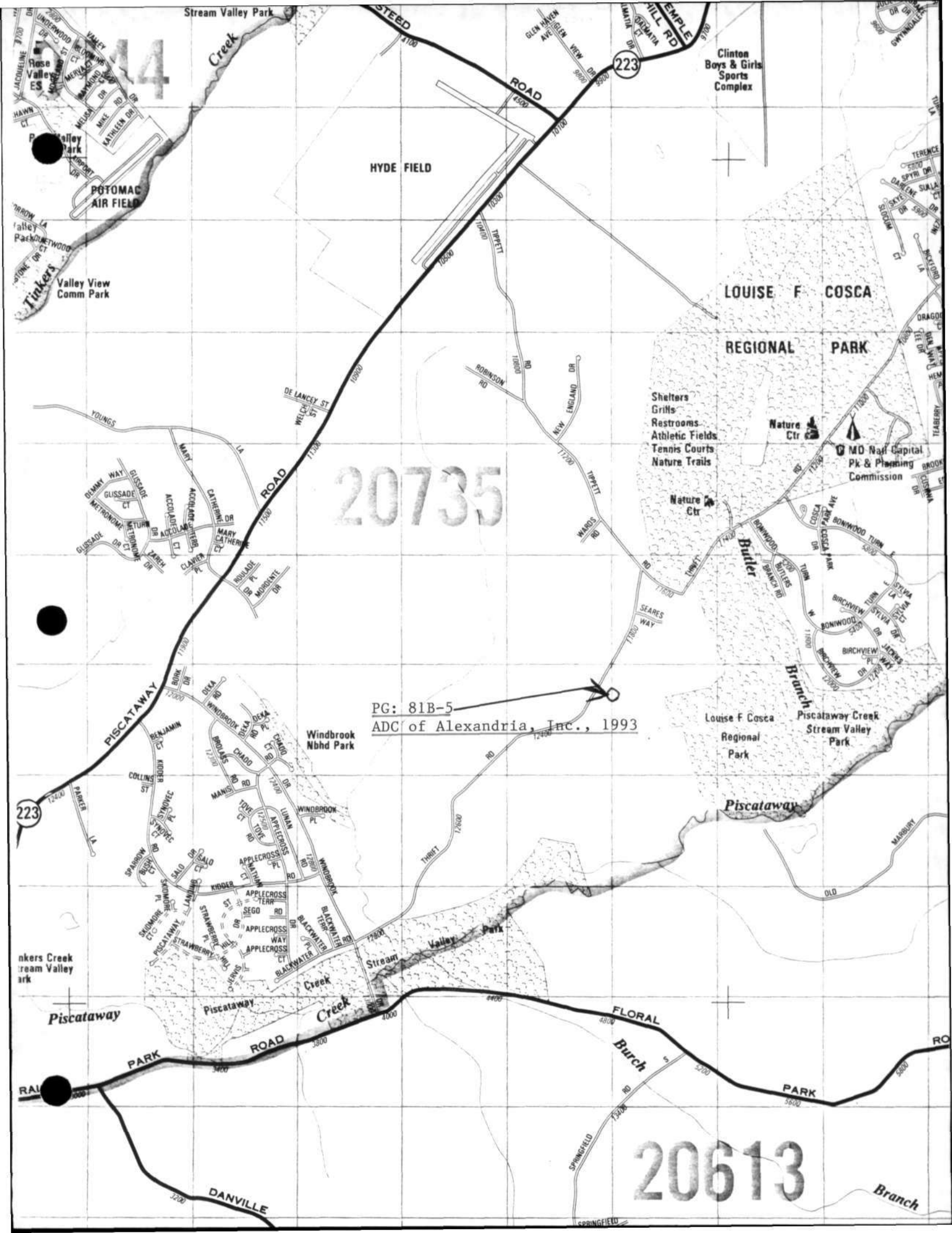
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Scale 2 Inches to the Mile

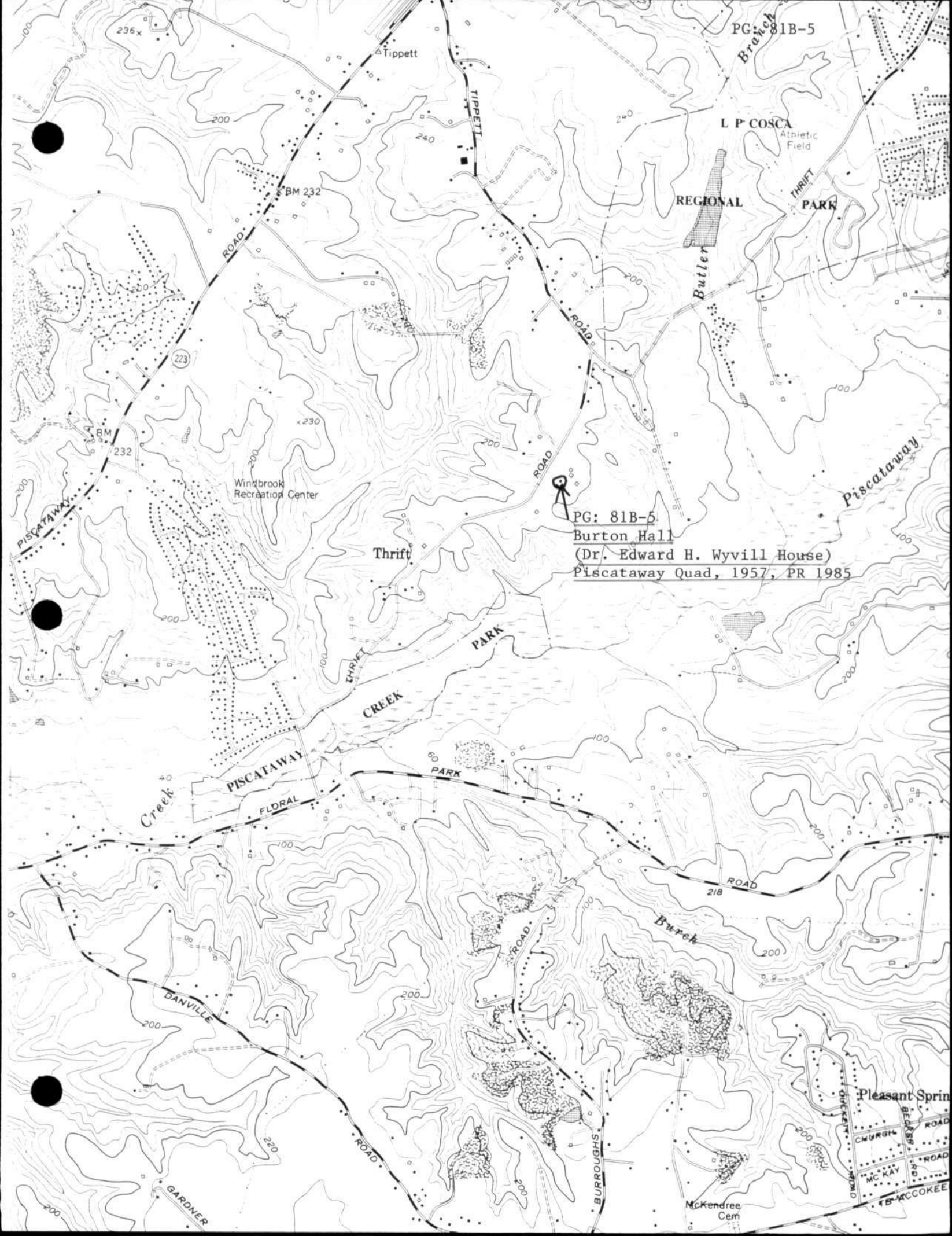


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G.M. Hopkins Atlas,
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Athletic Field

REGIONAL
PARK

Butler

Piscataway

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Burton Hall
(Dr. Edward H. Wyvill House)
Piscataway Quad, 1957, PR 1985

Thrift

PARK

CREEK

PISCATAWAY
FLORAL

Creek

ROAD

Burroughs

DANVILLE

GARDNER

Pleasant Spring

CHURCH

McKendree
Cem

MC KAY

MC COOKEE



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Marina King

April 1985

East elevation

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West elevation

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North elevation

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NAME DR. EDWARD WYRTH HOUSE # 81B-5

LOCATION THRIFT RD THRIFT, (CLINTON) MD

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